

SURVEY—CHESAPEAKE BAY AND SUSQUEHANNA RIVER.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND,

*In relation to a survey of the Chesapeake bay and Susquehanna river.*

APRIL 7, 1836.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, *February 5, 1836.*

Whereas, the trade of the Susquehanna, at all times important to the States of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, has become more so by the near approach of the period when the Pennsylvania canal will be completed down the Susquehanna to tide water: And whereas, the interests of the people of those States would be greatly promoted in facilitating the approach of sea vessels to the mouth of the Susquehanna: And whereas, obstructions exist in the channel, near the town of Havre de Grace, which render it difficult for vessels of large burthen to approach and depart—the removal of such obstructions would greatly promote the commerce of the said river and of the people of the said States: And whereas, it is desirable to obtain the aid of Congress in removing said obstructions, and to procure the co-operation of the States of New York and Pennsylvania, in accomplishing this object: Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to cause to be made by the Government of the United States, a survey of the channel of the Chesapeake bay and Susquehanna river, from the head of Spesutie island, in the Chesapeake bay, to Palmer's island, opposite the town of Havre de Grace, a distance of about four miles, for the purpose of ascertaining the depth of water—the improvements which may be made therein, to promote the commerce of the river—and probable expenditure which might be necessary for the improvement of the navigation within the above designated limits.

*Resolved,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to obtain from Congress an appropriation adequate to the purpose of removing two bars of sand and mud in the channel of navigation at the head of the Chesapeake bay, by which vessels drawing more than eight feet water are frequently prevented from entering the port of Havre de Grace, at the mouth of the Susquehanna river.

*Resolved*, That the Governor of this State be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

*Resolved*, That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Governor of New York and the Governor of Pennsylvania, of the deep interest which the State of Maryland has in accomplishing the object designated by the first resolution, and as the General Assembly of Maryland believe that the States of New York and Pennsylvania feel an equal interest in this subject, that such officers be respectfully requested to present to the Legislatures of those States, the desire of the General Assembly of Maryland, that they would co-operate with this State in endeavoring to obtain an appropriation by Congress for the object above specified.

We certify that the foregoing preamble and resolutions, are truly copied from the original, which passed both branches of the Legislature of Maryland, at December session, 1835. Given under our hands at the city of Annapolis, this 16th day of March, 1836.

GEORGE G. BREWER,

*Clerk House of Delegates, Md.*

JOS. H. NICHOLSON,

*Clerk Senate, Md.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Annapolis, March, 1836.*

SIR: In compliance with the request of the General Assembly, I have the honor to transmit you the foregoing copy of a preamble and resolutions in relation to obstructions at the head of Chesapeake bay and mouth of the Susquehanna river.

And remain, with the highest consideration,

Your obedient servant,

THO. W. VEAZEY.

HON. ISAAC MCKIM,

*House of Representatives, Washington.*